



SAC MEETING

A meeting of the Iowa Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights has been called for February 22, 2017.



THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights maintains 51 State Advisory Committees (SACs), one for each state and the District of Columbia. The SAC members assist the Commission with its fact-finding, investigative, and information dissemination functions.

The State Advisory Committees execute their mission in a number of ways. Among them are:

- Conducting hearings on critically important civil rights issues;
- Publishing significant studies, including findings and recommendations, on a wide range of civil rights issues to inform and advise policy-makers; and
- Contribute to the Commission national program by broadening the research to include state and local perspectives and data.

Description of Duties for the Committee

- Advise the Commission in writing of any knowledge or information it has on any alleged deprivation of voting rights or alleged discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice;
- Advise the Commission concerning matters related to discrimination or a denial of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution and the effect of the laws and policies of the Federal government with respect to equal protection of the laws;
- Advise the Commission upon matters of mutual concern in the preparation of reports of the Commission to the President and the Congress;
- Receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public and private organizations, and public officials upon matters pertinent to inquiries conducted by the Committee;
- Initiate and forward advice and recommendations to the Commission upon matters that the committee has studied;
- Assist the Commission in the exercise of its clearinghouse function and with respect to other matters that the committee has studied; and

THE DFO

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) is a full time employee of the Commission assigned to the committee. Some responsibilities of the DFO:

- Approves the schedule of all committee and subcommittee meetings
- Must be present for all committee and subcommittee meetings
- Each meeting will be conducted by an agenda approved by the DFO
- The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so
- Your DFO contact information: David Barreras, J.D. dbarreras@usccr.gov (312) 353-8311

FIRST MEETING

- Please try to call –in 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting
- Think about civil rights issues, within your mandate, that are hot-topics in Iowa.
- Prepare a brief paragraph or two describing the issue(s) you think are important.
- Begin with the end in mind. The goal is to provide the Commission with narrowly tailored advice that can be passed on to FEDERAL policy makers. See examples in email from DFO.

IOWA COMMITTEE

Mr. Joe Coulter, Chair - Iowa City

Ms. Emma Aquino - Nemecek -Mr. Vernon

Ms. Marie "Genevieve" Babecki -Davenport

Ms. Nancy Boettger - Harlan

Mr. Richard Dedor - Urbandale

Mr. Art Figueroa - Sioux City

Mr. Juan Garcia - Waukee

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Ms. Sheryl Leonard - Holstein

Ms. Cynthia Miller - Des Moines

Ms. Angela Onwuachi-Willig - Iowa City

Mr. Allan Richards - Tama

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Mr. Salvador Valadez - West Liberty

Mr. Zachary Whiting - Spencer